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Members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee.

My name is John Pike, a licensed physician assistant in this state for the last 38 years. I am the Connecticut State Director for the American Academy of Medical Ethics. www.ethicalhealthcare.org

I am writing in opposition to HB 6618, AAC Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut.

I will defer commentary about the immorality of murdering human lives before they are born, and address this particular bill in which the hardworking taxpayers of this state, already struggling with increasing costs and taxes, will be expected to pay for out-of-state women to come here for abortion. Is this what we want our state to be known as – an abortion destination state?

Beyond the financial impact, this legislation will just allow the sex traffickers to be even more free to subjugate women. There is no parental notification law in Connecticut, so this bill would be a “get out of jail free” loophole to cover up statutory rape and prostitution even more.

What does “abortion care and related services”, included in the language throughout the bill, mean? It is not defined and clearly allows for the abortion provider, the one person who will financially gain by this, to define who is eligible.

This is another way of using our tax dollars to serve an ideological agenda and perpetuate the murder of precious pre-born human beings. Connecticut should not become the nation's abortion destination state. Please vote NO on HB 6618.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Pike